

1. **LACEBARK ELM** – 10 years
(Wyoming Avenue)

Recently planted Lacebark Elms along Wyoming Avenue blend well with the red brick pavers, park benches and vintage gaslights in defining the historic business district. These Elms enhance the beauty of the bandstand on the village green and the building that served as a firehouse and police station in 1909. The Lacebark Elm is tough, durable and resistant to the Dutch elm disease, unlike the American Elm. It has the same beautiful spreading branches as the American Elm, but has a distinctive bark.

2. **OAKS** - (310 Wyoming Avenue)
The original lot for this handsome 1868 house went from Burns to Grove, and all the way back to Wentworth Avenue. It was selected by Colonel George House for its beautiful Oak trees. Notice a few are still standing on the old seven-acre homestead.

3. **GINKGO** – 95 years
(corner of Wyoming and Burns)
The 1870 wood frame Presbyterian Church was replaced with this stone Victorian-Gothic style in 1890. The Ginkgo tree on the Burns side of the building was planted nearly a century ago. Although a century may seem a long time, consider this – the Ginkgo species was growing when dinosaurs roamed the land 200 million years ago. The Ginkgo leaves turn golden in the fall.

4. **AMERICAN BEECH** – 200 years
(209 and 205 Worthington)
Notice the American Beech trees on these two front lawns. Before the American Revolution, this land was heavily forested with majestic trees like these American Beeches. The Miami and Shawnee

nations hunted the area. It was home to beaver, black bear, gray wolf and mountain lion. By 1822, most of these trees had been cut. Log houses and farms appeared on the landscape, and by 1881 the large woodland mammals had disappear.

5. **SCARLET OAK** – 200 years
(corner of Stearns and Burns)
This Scarlet Oak is best seen from Stearns Avenue near the stone hitching post. It stands in back of this 1869 High Style Italianate house and beside the red brick carriage house. The original property was part of the Burns farm. This tree was sixty years old when the house was built.

6. **TULIP POPLAR** – 75 years
(105 Stearns Avenue)
At the corner of Beech and Stearns Avenues is a Tulip Poplar. This tree was once abundant in Ohio but soon became scarce, when pioneers preferred its straight timber for log cabins, bridges and barns. The Tulip Poplar is hardy and fast growing, and can reach 190 feet in height. In spring a beautiful orange-yellow flower appears.

7. **BUR OAK** – 200 years
(229 Springfield Pike)
A Bur Oak this age, and so near the Pike, could have had a public notice tacked to it for travelers to see on the old toll road. It would have read: Horse and rider, 6 cents each 10 miles, four-wheel carriage with four horses, 62 cents each 10 miles. Toll roads began in 1830 and ended in the 1860s. The Bur Oak does well in lawns and parks, and can reach 100 feet in height and spread.

8. **BUR OAK** – 125 years
(140 Elm Avenue)
Near this Bur Oak, in the front yard, the idea of a Wyoming Library was born in the summer of 1880. At Molly Wilson's lawn party, Minnie Cowing suggested to the young women that they start a lending library. All agreed. Together they raised money, bought books, and shared the task

of carrying them to homes the year-round for the next fourteen years.

9. **EUROPEAN LINDEN** –
150 years (104 Elm Avenue)
This tree is well placed in the landscape, to the right of the house and in front of the gazebo. Its size, scale and age complement this 1905 house perfectly. Because of its size, the European Linden tree should be grown in parks, golf courses and large estates.

10. **FLOWERING DOGWOOD** –
40 years (115 Burns Avenue)
In April, a number of fine White Dogwood trees can be seen in full flower along Burns Avenue. Two distinctive Dogwoods, one white and the other pink, are on the south side of this classic 1890 Victorian House. In 1989, the Disney Studios chose this house and yard for the film, "A Mom For Christmas." The Dogwood is the aristocrat of native flowering trees. It grows to 20 feet in height and a spread considerably greater. In fall, green leaves turn to reddish purple and glossy red fruit appears.

11. **RED OAK** – 200 years
(164 Burns Avenue)
This Red Oak was already fifty years old when the Baptist Church was dedicated on September 9, 1883. We can visualize that memorable day when families arrived wearing their Sunday best, some by horse-drawn carriages, others on foot, with women carrying baskets of food for the celebration. Men gathered outside by the steps greeting one another warmly. Children laughed and played on the front lawn. Some say this Red Oak was base for the children's game of tag. The Wyoming Baptist Church remains the oldest established church building in Wyoming.

12. **AMERICAN ELM** – 190 years
(254 Elm Avenue)

In the front lawn of this 1910 Alpine Chalet is an American Elm. Although the Dutch elm disease has killed so many of the Elms that once lined Wyoming streets, a few can still be found in the city. Look for its striking silhouette any time of the year, its strongly arched limbs making a vase-shaped form.

13. **HACKBERRY** – 130 years
(314 Grove Avenue)

Too often this tree is not considered useful or attractive, but when this fine house was built in 1895, the tree was saved and cared for. The Hackberry tree can grow to 5 feet in diameter and 100 feet high. It can tolerate wet and dry areas, poor soil, and withstands the dirt and grime of the cities. This tree's tenacity in adverse conditions could make it the tree of choice in the urban setting.

ADDITIONAL HISTORIC TREES
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1. **SCARLET OAK** – 293 years
(81 Mt. Pleasant)

Find the Scarlet Oak on the 8th fairway of the Wyoming Golf Club. Now step back in time. In the beginning this oak was rooted in the hereditary hunting grounds of the Shawnee nation. In 1749, the French claimed this land for Louis XV. King George III of England gained control of the territory in 1763. When the Wyoming area became a territory of the United States in 1783, this oak was 70 years old. When farmers settled here, it shaded Holstein cows on the Hollmann Brothers Dairy Farm. Today it's a hazard to golfers on the 8th fairway.

2. **CATALPA** – 150 years
(301 Pleasant Hill Lane)

Prominently located in the front lawn of this remodeled 1875 farmhouse is a large Catalpa tree. Although the Catalpa is thought to be of limited value in the landscape, this one is the exception. Every year on graduation day this is the place to be with a camera. For when the tree's creamy white blossoms open, friends and family have the opportunity to photograph their special graduate in a beautiful outdoor setting.

3. **BUR OAK** – 222 years
(336 Pleasant Hill Lane)

After World War II, the original owner built his prefabricated Pease Ranch House under this great spreading Bur Oak. He knew dense shade in summer would moderate temperatures and reduce energy costs. The present owner, equally aware of this, continues to give this oak tender loving care.

4. **BUR OAK** - 500 years
(196 Hillcrest Avenue)

This durable Bur Oak was well established long before the Age of Enlightenment when most people believed the earth was flat, and before the Industrial Revolution when all sailing ships were made of wood, and the microscope was not present to assist men and women of science. This Bur Oak was an Ohio State Champion before pruning became necessary a few years ago.

5. **SYCAMORE** – 220 years
(1525 Maple Avenue)

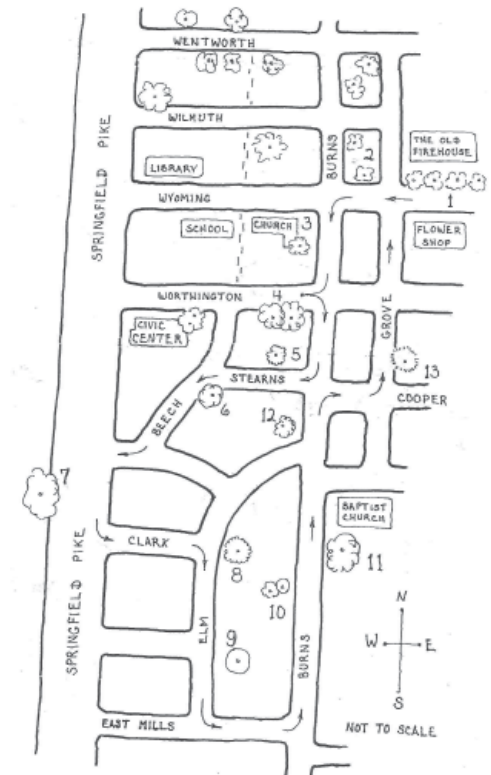
The Sycamore is one of many old trees seen in the Wyoming area. Fertile valley soil watered by the Mill Creek and its tributaries indicates this land was a natural habitat for plants and animals. Arrowheads and projectile points used by native americans were found in Wyoming, assuring us that large game animals were hunted here. Sycamore trees have been known to live as long as 600 years.

6. **EASTERN REDBUD** – 10 years
(Bonham Road and Harmon Drive)

This favorite native plant at McLean Park honors the young men from the valley who served in the 75th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. The Redbud is a small tree reaching 25 feet in height with graceful spreading branches. Its bright reddish purple flowers open in April, signaling the end of a long cold winter.

TREES OF HISTORY

A WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC TREES IN WYOMING



Follow the guide and enjoy the stories and the beauty of Wyoming's rich cultural heritage, from the restless spirit of early settlers who, with their dreams and determinations, developed this land to our present distinctive community. Your starting point is the Wyoming Florist (Corner of Wyoming & Grove Avenues) where you begin your 1 mile walking tour of Wyoming.

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